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Ellie Holcomb

Last night, Bramlage Coliseum filled with students and community members alike who turned out to see Bill Nye the Science Guy speak about space, his family, growing up, and sustaining the

Nye began the night by talking about space missions currently taking place, working on exploring Mars and beyond. Throughout his presentation, Nye expressed a fascination with the exploration of space and the universe.

"That's the reason we came up with science," Nye said. "Where did we come from and are we alone?"

Nve humorously told the story of his upbringing, beginning with his parents' history. He said his father shared his passion for science, with a love for rocks and sundials.

"Everything that sticks up should be made a sundial," Nye said, eliciting a laugh from the college audience.

Students, excited to attend, had reserved tickets far in advance for a show originally planned to be at McCain auditorium. When Nye was injured competing on "Dancing With the Stars," his presentation had to be rescheduled, and students had to switch out their

"There were so many things going on during UPC week already that I didn't mind Bill Nye being pushed back," Aaron Finster, junior in mass communications, said. "This way we could come back and enjoy an event before

Those who were able to attend the later date said they felt that it was well worth the wait and their time, as Nye's message stuck with them.

"I think he emphasized a personal responsibility to global issues," Michael Rysavy, senior in photography, said. "It's not just something that everyone is going

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Renowned scientist and children's show host Bill Nye speaks about his father's fascination with sun dials, the Mars rovers and climate change in Bramlage Coliseum last night. His humorous lecture was followed by questions from the audience.

City Commission discusses traffic survey, emergency shelter funding

Bridget Beran staff writer

City commissioners met Tuesday night to discuss various issues of funding, city employee pay and loan adjustment.

The meeting began with a presentation by Stephanie Watts, transportation planner for the Flint Hills Metropolitan Planning Organization, about the work FHMPO has done so far to gather information about community involvement outreach programs. FHMPO was founded after the recent census required the formation of an MPO due to Manhattan's population topping 50,000, which makes it a

FHMPO is striving to increase public engagement and outreach activities. Their main objectives are to educate, engage, encourage, incorporate and evaluate.

They recently conducted a 10 question transportation survey, which was provided at local businesses and online, asking ways that were effective and ineffective at reaching people to educate them and the issues that were most important to them.

Over 100 people completed the survey, ranging from college students to working professionals to retirees. FHMPO members aim to eliminate ineffective methods of reaching the public and emphasize the issues that were most important to people.

Citizens were greatly concerned with traffic safety and public transportation, and they deemed regular mail an ineffective means of communication.

Also discussed was the upcoming temporary exhibit at the Flint Hills Discovery Center, which will focus on the Ice Age. This \$25,000 exhibit will be at the center for approximately a quarter of a year.

New housing development changes along Scenic Drive were then approved upon first

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Local and state crime briefs

Jon Parton

One man was killed and another was injured in a home invasion in Junction City early Tuesday morning. Junction City police said they discovered Jose Paz, 22, and an unidentified second victim in response to the report of a home invasion. Paz was taken to Geary Community Hospital, but was later pronounced dead. The other victim sustained minor injuries and declined treatment. Police officials said the incident is still under investigation and asks anyone with information to contact the Junction City Police Department or call the Crime Stoppers line at 785-762-

Riley County police are asking for help in the ongoing investigation of a bank robbery that occurred last week. RCPD responded to a robbery at the Kansas State Bank on Bluemont Avenue on the afternoon of Friday, Nov. 27. Police say the suspect entered the bank and demanded money from a teller. He then left in what appeared to be a 2000 to 2005, 4-door, white Cadillac DeVille. The suspect is described as a white male in his 20s or 30s wearing a purple Aeropostale hoodie, grey sweatpants, black gloves and white athletic shoes. The suspect also wore an apron around his waist and a black T-shirt underneath the hoodie. Although there was no indication of a weapon being used in the robbery, police officials consider the suspect to be dangerous. Those with information are asked to contact the RCPD or the Manhattan Riley County Crime Stoppers at 785-539-7777.

A Salina man was sentenced to 15 years in federal prison for the distribution of child pornography. Justin Tatum, 32, pleaded guilty to three counts of distributing child pornography. Investigation into Tatum began in 2011 when Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents uncovered emails between Tatum and Jeffrey Wiederholt. Tatum admitted to using an encrypted peer-to-peer program in order to trade the child pornography with others over the internet. Wiederholt was convicted and sentenced to 70 years for his part in the crimes.







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THE BLOTTER ARREST REPORTS

Monday, Dec. 2

Diana Mae Upchurch Larose, of the 500 block of Pierre Street, was booked for burglary of a vehicle and misdemeanor theft. Bond was set

Jahmell Daniel Voisin, of the 500 block of Colorado Street, was booked for probation violation. Bond was set at

Nantinee Chorbi, of the 500 block of Moro Street, was booked for misdemeanor theft. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Zachery Ryan Burch, of Ogden, was booked for failure to appear. No bond was listed.

Bradley Scott Whitley, of Sabetha, Kan., was booked for two counts of failure to appear. Bond was set at \$4,000.



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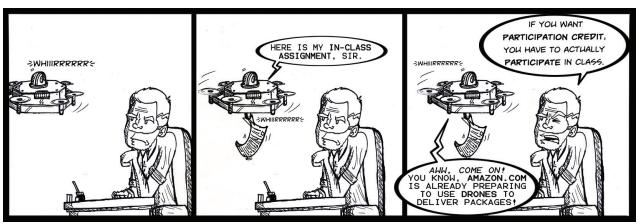
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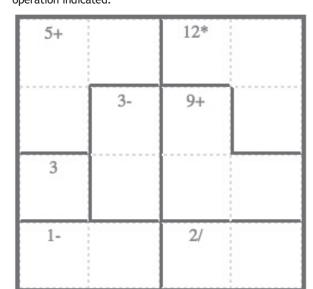
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Students escape college stress with hobbies, passions



Parker Robb | Collegian

Scott Poelzl, senior in kinesiology, started cycling three years ago when his uncle introduced him to the sport, and has pedaled 7,400 miles since then. Many students have hobbies and passions that allow them to escape the hustle and bustle of everyday life as a student, re-energize, and reconnect to their purpose.

Erin Poppe managing copy chief

Being a student is no walk in Manhattan City Park.

The general rule of thumb is that decent grades require at least two to three hours of studying per credit hour. If one is enrolled as a full-time student, he or she has a minimum of 12 credits, and between 36-48 hours, on average, are spent per week on academics. This does not even include the collective hours of outside involvement in student organizations or part-time jobs. The fact that most companies classify full-time employees at 30-40 hours per week only cements the truth most college students face at one point or another: this is our job, and we're overworked.

That's where hobbies come in. A hobby, as defined by Merriam-Webster, is "a pursuit outside one's regular occupation engaged in especially for relaxation." A hobby presents a break from the often stressful realities of college and allows some time for re-ener-

Sometimes those hobbies turn into passions that begin to drive our lives in ways we couldn't imagine before. For some, sharing that passion with others is more re-energizing, while for others it's more impactful when experi-enced alone. Macy Warburton, senior in political science, said she thinks everyone could benefit from having a private, or secret, passion.

"I think having a secret passion allows you to let go of the expectations of others and just simply enjoy yourself and live in the moment," Warburton said. "Sure, sharing a passion with others can be great, but having a more quiet one allows you to free yourself within it and energize yourself."

Warburton's hobby of six years is playing the guitar her grandfa-ther gave her. After taking a month to learn the guitar for a mission trip to Chicago, she said she found a greater purpose in playing.

"The only times I have made my passion known since then is in church settings and others like it," Warburton said. "Other than that, it remains a secret passion for me, because I do not play to please others. It serves as more of a connection to my faith and being at

In contrast to Warbuton's privacy, Carly Dickter, junior in mass communications, has a passion for cooking that began her freshman year that she views as something

to share, especially with her mom, who Dickter describes as an amazing cook.

I know everyone says that about their mom, but my mom really is amazing," Dickter said. "Any mom can make good tasting food when they cook out of a Betty Crocker cookbook, but my mom has taught me how to make good-tasting food that's healthy too."

Whenever Dickter travels home to her mom's kitchen, it is not just her passion for cooking that grows, but also her bond to the woman who gave her the passion in the first place.

"Honestly, when I was growing up, my mom was a single mom and usually had to cook things the night before, or she would pick something up because she would be working," Dickter said. "So, it wasn't really until my mom remarried that I got to see her cooking a lot. But since then, cooking has been probably the best times I've spent with my mom."

It appears that many passions that developed from hobbies started with family, as was the similar case of Scott Poelzl, senior in kinesiology, when his uncle introduced him to the world of cycling.

"Well, my uncle had just gotten into cycling for health reasons," Poelzl said. "My dad's whole side of the family had a reunion in Utah, and the activity for that day was horseback riding. My uncle didn't want to do that, so he asked me if I would go ride with him. Since I hadn't exercised in a couple days, I agreed. I loved the freedom I experienced."

It's been three years, and Poelzl hasn't stopped cycling. He has four bicycles (two he uses regularly), has participated in 10 races, has cycled an estimated 7,402 miles and said he doesn't see himself braking anytime soon.

"I like [a] hobby where you can buy things to upgrade and continue the hobby for life ... cycling is perfect for that," Poelzl said. "It is a very expensive sport, but it's worth it for a better quality of life, more active lifestyle and being a part of a great atmosphere. Most cycling groups are very friendly."

Regardless of what the hobby is, Warburton said she encourages everyone to find something they're passionate about to lose them-

"Do something because you love it," Warburton said. "Allow yourself to have something in which you can escape the outside

Unabashedly weird science fiction epic 'Saga' best comic of the year

"Saga" **Comic channels Star Wars**

Comic book review by Brian Hampel



Courtesy Photo

It's often easy to forget that comics aren't always about superheroes. Before superheroes became the comic book standard in the 1960s, sci-fi and crime comics were just as big, if not bigger. The era that gave us the "Twilight Zone" also gave us sci-fi anthology comics like "Strange Tales" and "Journey into Mystery." "Saga," the latest work from acclaimed writer Brian K. Vaughan, owes more to the Golden Age space operas like "Valerian and Laureline" than to any superhero

"Saga" follows the mixed-species, Romeo-and-Juliet-in-space couple of Alana and Marko as they flee from various space terrors amidst a galaxy-wide war. Their daughter Hazel, whose birth marks the start of the series, narrates the series in first person in an oddly poetic memoir-ish tone. The galactic war, which has been "outsourced" to various planets once the two factions got tired of ruining their own planets, provides brilliant excuses to introduce wacky backdrops and colorful supporting characters.

Saga" often reminds me of "Star Wars" in the way it treats the weirdness of its subject matter. Just as Star Wars" would reference parts of its universe without explanation — I'm still not sure how a "moisture farm" works - or introduce a bizarre alien race with no background about its culture or physiology, "Saga" wears its craziness on its sleeves completely unashamed. It presents us with all manner of strange and otherworldly elements and assumes the

reader will just go along with it. For instance, in the first volume, the heroes come across a battle in a canyon and see a stadium-sized tortoise shooting lasers out of its eyes and crushing enemy soldiers under its feet. Alana and Marko decide to take a detour around the tortoise battle, and it's never referenced again. It's

I love that "Saga" doesn't get bogged down trying to justify or explain any of its weirdness. One of the antagonists, Prince Robot IV, has a seemingly human body with the novel addition of a TV set for a head. How does that work? It doesn't matter. It wouldn't enrich the story in the slightest bit if a scientist character took a few lines of techno-babble dialogue to explain how he eats or breathes. Seeing something outlandish like a guy with a TV set for a head adds plenty of color and richness to the story

on its own.

While the locations and characters give the feel for a massive, sprawling universe, the interactions between Alana and Marko give us a focal point. Their personal lives and their desperate efforts to be good parents while on the lam bring a set of smallscale concerns that form an emotional core for the grand space opera. Their dialogue in particular adds spice and flavor to their straightforward fugitive motivations. Alana and Marko, like everything else in the "Saga" universe, have a lot of personality. They're a genuinely interesting couple, and it's easy to care about what happens to them.

The artwork by Fiona Staples isn't as good as the writing, but it certainly adds to "Saga's" personality. Much to her credit, Staples makes every character, place and object look distinctive. It's not

technically brilliant. I always wish the lighting and shadows were better represented, but it's bursting with creativity. "Saga's" unabashed strangeness is its strength, and the artwork and visual aesthetic are where the strangeness shines the brightest. I'm pleasantly surprised at

"Saga's" popularity. Since its 2012 debut, it has found its fanbase and, unusually for a comic, sales continue to grow with each issue. Our own student union has the first two volumes in stock, and I can't recommend them enough. If you're not okay with weirdness, it's probably not your cup of tea. But if you found something to like in "Star Wars," you'll find something to like in Saga." I give it 5 out of 5 stars.

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Bacon giveaway cooked up by K-State athletics fuels nation's craze

Scotland Preston contributing writer

It has been a feature on Sports Center, CBS Sports and Sports Illustrated." It is a flavor of salt, popcorn and lip balm. There is festival centered on it in Chicago that is entering its sixth year. Bacon is probably not the word you would use to tie those statements together, but since the early 2000s, bacon has become a craze that everyone wants to be a part of.

K-State joined the craze when it decided to have a bacon giveaway for the women's bas-Ketball home opener versus Washburn on Nov. 8. The story was tweeted by ESPN's Sports Center and CBS Sports and even merited a blurb in "Sports Illustrated." As a publicity plan targeted to get students to attend the game, the popularity grew so much that the original plan to cook 100 pounds had to be increased to 300 pounds.

"As college students, we're trying to get as many free things as possible, and it just so happened to be a plus, for us, that it was bacon," Dylan Partridge, senior in secondary education,

The idea was certainly a hit, as more than 1,000 students showed up to the game and cheered on the Wildcats to an 85-53 victory.

Bethany Cordell, graduate assistant in K-State's fan experience and sales office, was one of the staff members who helped come up with the idea.
"We're ecstatic about how

it has been received," Cordell said in an interview with Yahoo Sports. "We definitely anticipated a strong response from our students because we had done our background research, but the national attention we're really surprised about and appreciative of. We're just excited to have everyone talking about K-State.

Bri Craig, sophomore in child and family studies, said she didn't know that there was a bacon craze at K-State.

"I wasn't aware there was a bacon craze," Craig said. "But whatever works to get people excited about coming to [the] games!"

The idea of the bacon craze began in the 1990s when the National Pork Board created the slogan to make pork the "other white meat." When that idea wasn't as successful as they'd hoped, they created the slogan, "the meat equivalent of slogan, the meat equivalent of chocolate," to target men. This successful marketing campaign caused food products containing bacon to increase in sales by 35 percent.

The craze further increased in 2007 when two men named



Bacon has risen in popularity in recent years to such an effect that recently K-State Athletics used it as a free give away to lure students to the women's basketball game on Nov. 11 at Bramlage

Justin Esch and Dave Lefkow began J&D's Foods. They sold 20,000 jars of bacon salt in their first five months, and therefore decided to take on the challenge of making everything taste like bacon. Their products include salt, lip balm, envelopes, sunscreen, popcorn, croutons, shaving cream and mayonnaise.

Considering the current trend of healthy eating and getting into shape, some may wonder how the bacon craze still exists. Of bacon's calories, 69 percent come from fat, and more than half of those fat calories are from saturated fat, which greatly increases one's risk of heart attack and stroke. The American Institute for Cancer Research has even said that bacon is a processed meat, meaning it is never safe to eat and may lead to a higher risk of

"Most people don't care about the nutrition facts as long as the taste satisfies them," Partridge said. "It seems to be that way everywhere in America."

The popularity has continued despite any negative health effects bacon may have. Burger King offered a sundae with caramel, fudge and bacon for a limited time. Lay's introduced BLT flavored potato chips as a special edition of their classic potato chips. Udder Delight, located on the boardwalk in Rehoboth Beach, Del., even created a bacon flavored ice cream. And most recently, McDonald's has added bacon to many of the items on their Dollar Menu & More to entice costumers to purchase foods at the higher price levels.

While the country may be on a bacon craze, there are some that are against the extravagant uses for bacon. Robby Hudson, senior in public relations, said he believes bacon is meant for food purposes only.

"If someone tries to capture the beauty and decadence of bacon in any other form other than food, they should be put on trial for defamation of bacon," Hudson said.

Editor's Note: This article was completed as an assignment for a class in the A.Q. Miller School of Journalism and Mass Communications.

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POWERCAT

NIGEL IOHNSON

Austin Earl

K-State's basketball season has not gone according to plan so far in 2013. With losses to Northern Colorado, Charlotte, and Georgetown, many fans are disappointed. But there is reason for hope. K-State's freshman class has a lot of talented players that should improve with time. One of those players is freshman point guard Nigel Johnson.

Johnson originally committed to play at George Washington, not K-State. George Washington is in Washington D.C., which is near Johnson's home, but Johnson decommitted from the Colonials and reopened his recruitment in March of 2013 to make his decision again. Finally, in April of 2013, Johnson committed to K-State. K-State and George Washington play in Manhattan on New Year's Eve this season.

Johnson is a three-star point guard from Ashburn, Virginia. He played in the same AAU program, DC Assault, as former K-State stars Michael Beasley and Rodney McGruder. But recruiting stars and a prestigious AAU program don't make you a great college player, and the transition from high school to college is a difficult one.

"The biggest difference between high school basketball [and college] is the speed of the game and the strength of the players," Johnson and

The point guard position is one that is especially difficult for young players to master. Points guards are the quarterbacks of basketball, calling plays and directing traffic from the top of the key.

Johnson is known for his scoring ability; he led all scorers in Maryland, Virginia, and Washington D.C. as a junior. But what is overlooked is his ability to pass the ball. In his junior year, he set the Virginia class AAA single season assist record. Being able to both pass and score is what can make a point guard great.

"We are very excited to welcome Nigel to K-State," head coach Bruce Weber told K-State Sports."He has great quickness and athleticism with the ability to make plays as well as score."

In coming years, K-State needs Nigel Johnson to be great. The Wildcats will have a lot of talent next season with freshman guard Marcus Foster and newly eligible transfers junior guard Justin Edwards and sophomore forward Brandon Bolden. Having a point guard who can distribute the ball and score it himself could lead to success for the Wildcats in the Big 12. Johnson and Foster are roommates off the floor, and have the potential to be a great back court

"We've bonded since day one, we always love being around each other," Foster said.

Of course, Johnson must improve. The numbers he has put up



Parker Pobb | Collegia

Highly touted men's basketball recruit **Nigel Johnson**, freshman guard, is known for his scoring ability.

so far are not pretty. This year, he is averaging 4.6 points per game and shooting just 26 percent from the field. He also has only 13 assists in the seven games he has played for the Wildcats. But even though things aren't going his way, Johnson is doing whatever he can to help the team. He is playing good defense and has grabbed 17 rebounds on the year.

Johnson is struggling right now, but he has a senior leader that he learn from for the rest of this year

learn from for the rest of this year. "I would say Shane [is the person I look up to the most]," Johnson said.
"Every time I came for a visit, that's
the main person I paid attention to

last year. He's a real good player."

While senior Shane Southwell doesn't play point guard like Johnson, improving at any position takes the same qualities. Southwell struggled early in his freshman year and did not play much until the Wildcats got into conference play. From that point on, he has been a solid contributor for K-State. Johnson has the ability to show the same improvement as he progresses for

the Wildcats.

Johnson can also learn from another senior, Will Spradling. Spradling can teach Johnson more about how to play point guard for Bruce Weber. Although Spradling is not outspoken, Johnson can take advantage of his knowledge and experience.

Nigel Johnson has the physical tools to become the point guard that K-State needs for the future. If he choses to learn from his struggles, he will improve exponentially in his time in Manhattan.

MLS Cup Preview: Sporting Kansas City vs. Real Salt Lake at Sporting Park

Tate Steinlage

The last time Kansas City was crowned champion in any professional sport, Sporting Kansas City defenders Seth Sinovic and Matt Besler were teenagers growing up in Kansas City, Jimmy Nielsen was an up and coming goalkeeper in Denmark, and manager Peter Vermes was anchoring a Kansas City Wizards defense that captured the 2000 Major League Soccer Cup.

Prior to the 2000 MLS Cup, the last Kansas City championship trophy was hoisted by the Kansas City Royals in 1985, ironically their last stint in the playoffs. For the Kansas City Chiefs, it's been 44 years since their lone Super Bowl and 20 years since their last playoff victory.

Simply put, it's been a long drought for Kansas City sports fans, but one that may come to an end Saturday when Sporting Kansas City takes the pitch to face Real Salt Lake in MLS Cup 2013 live on ESPN at 3 p.m. CDT.

Sporting Kansas City has the benefit of hosting the nationally-televised match at Sporting Park, making it the first time a stadium has

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hosted the MLS Cup, MLS All-Star game, and United States Men's National Team in the same calendar year.

The match has already been announced as sold-out with tickets going for more than any MLS Cup in the past five years at \$302 on secondary markets. Real Salt Lake manager Jason Kreis said he expects the atmosphere

to be electric, based on past meetings, telling MLS Soccer, "We've only been there, I think, twice, and it was really, really loud."

Atmosphere aside, the two teams themselves pose an interesting matchup. Sporting Kansas City plays a unique style of soccer that aims to put pressure on opposing defenses by pushing forward and winning back possession as quickly as possible. It's a style that's amassed over 500 fouls on the year and is one of the most physical in MLS.

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Real Salt Lake, on the other hand, has found success through possession-oriented soccer. It's a style more accustomed to overseas play and one that Real Salt Lake general manager Garth La-

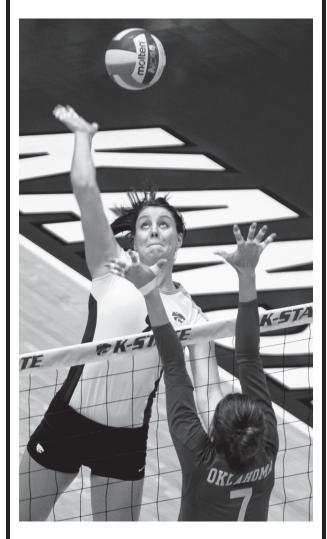
gerwey believes makes for an interesting championship

"We play diametrically opposed styles of soccer," Legerwey said to Grantland's Graham Parker. "We want to keep the ball, we want to possess, we want to attack. Kansas City want to kick

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MLS | Upcoming match should prove to be tough; Sporting KC will prevail

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people, pressure you all over the field and try to rely on set pieces and turnovers to generate their chances. It's really an interesting rivalry in terms of where the league wants to

The two squads have only one previous meeting in 2013, a 2-1 victory that Sporting Kansas City stole on the road in the dying seconds of the match off an Ike Opara header. It was a physical, heated battle that featured seven cards and a total of 26 fouls.

Saturday's match will be a cold one with highs projected in the mid-to-lower 20s, but the action on the pitch will be anything but. Both teams should be able to generate early chances with their styles of play — Real Salt Lake looking for counter attack opportunities and Sporting Kansas City eyeing crosses that hook up with blue jerseys in the

It'll be a physical, gritty battle, and one that should be exciting throughout the length of the game as Sporting Kansas City fights to bring its city a championship after long years of waiting.

"We'll do everything in our power to be the team standing with the trophy after the game," Nielsen said to MLS

Prediction: 2-1, Sporting Kansas City over Real Salt



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Sporting KC goalkeeper Jimmy Nielsen and other Sporting players hoist the MLS Eastern Conference champion's trophy after beating the Houston Dynamo 2-1 in leg two of the Eastern Conference championship series Nov. 23 at Sporting Park. Sporting KC has had a championship-caliber season, amassing a 17-10-7 record, most recently avenging the club's two losses to Houston in the Eastern Conference championship games the previous two years, and now hosting the MLS Cup on Dec. 7.

NYE | Famous educator talks asteriods, inspiration

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to take care of as a group."

Nye focused the second half of his presentation on the imminent problems facing students today, including the likelihood of asteroids striking Earth and climate change.

Nye discussed photos of Mars, showing a surface ravaged by asteroids and meteor

"You have to figure that what happened on Mars happened on Earth," Nye said. "Studying Mars should change the world.

Nye noted the danger of an asteroid potentially hitting

"You would, as a tax payer, voter, and student, run in circles screaming," Nye said. "There's no evidence that's effective."

Switching topics to climate change and global warming, Nye projected a graph showing trend known as the Hockey Stick trend, showing a dramatic increase in global temperature

in the last 200 years. He discussed what individuals could do to decrease their carbon footprint, to use less energy and to save money.

"With technology, we can pull this off," Nye said. "And by we, I mean you."

Nye addressed a global consumption problem, contributing to over-population and a thinning atmosphere.

"People around the world are busy. They're driving and burning and eating," Nye said. "Everyone wants to have steak and plastic. If you don't want to address the problems, will you please just shut up?

Nye left the group, whom he addressed as engineers, scientists, businessmen and accountants, lawyers and astronomers, with an uplifting message.

"With your brains, my friends, you can - dare I say it - change the world," Nye said.

Nye was brought to the K-State campus by UPC as part of their entertainment lineup.

CITY| Fire fighter and city worker wages increased

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Manhattan Emergency Shelter, Inc, which serves as a resource for the homeless population of Manhattan, also requested a forgiveness of their loan from the city, on which they would have payments of \$27,000 for the next two years

"The loan goes back to gap financing that the city helped provide to the shelter for the construction of their facility," Adam Bentley, assistant city manager, said. "As a part of that gap financing, \$135,000 was a no interest loan to pay over a course of five years."

MESI had requested forgiveness of the same loan

in 2010 and the Commission chose to restructure the loan instead. Due to unforeseen management and maintenance costs, MESI found that it would be unable to pay back the loan in the original time allotted.

The commissioners decided to restructure the loan again, giving MESI seven years to pay back the loan, with annual payments of \$7,714.29.

 $Finally, changes \ to \ wages \ for \ Manhattan \ fire \ fighters$ and city workers were approved. Wages were increased 1.7 percent to keep up with cost of living.

We just request that it be equitable across the board for city employees," Jason Hilgers, deputy city manager,

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Recent stock market highs bring glad tidings for shareholders

Christa Deneault staff writer

Recently, the stock market has surged to levels it hasn't reached in a few decades, and the market should continue to be bullish through the end of the year.

The NASDAQ has risen by 31 percent since January. If it reaches 4,000 this year that will be the highest NASDAQ has been since 2000.

According to CNN money, Standard & Poor's (S&P) 500 closed for the first time ever above 1,800. Since January, the S&P 500 is up by 26 percent. In each industry group, the gains range from 8 to 36 percent. The last year that the average gains were 10 percent was in 1995.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average is also at an all-time high of 16,000. Since January, it is up by about 22 percent. If the Dow Jones continues its current path of increase, it will have its best yearly gains since 2003.

"My thought is during an average life expectancy based off of historical data, a person will experience at least three major recessions which are immediately followed by expansions," Kadin Zimmerman, sophomore in computer engineering, said. "I believe despite the help, the stock market is on par with all other stock market ups and downs in the past."

The escalation of the stock market is largely due to the Federal Reserve's current purchases of bonds. The Federal Reserve will continue to purchase \$85 billion of bonds each month until at least March 2014. Bonds act as loans for large firms which can in return make investments and stimulate the economy.

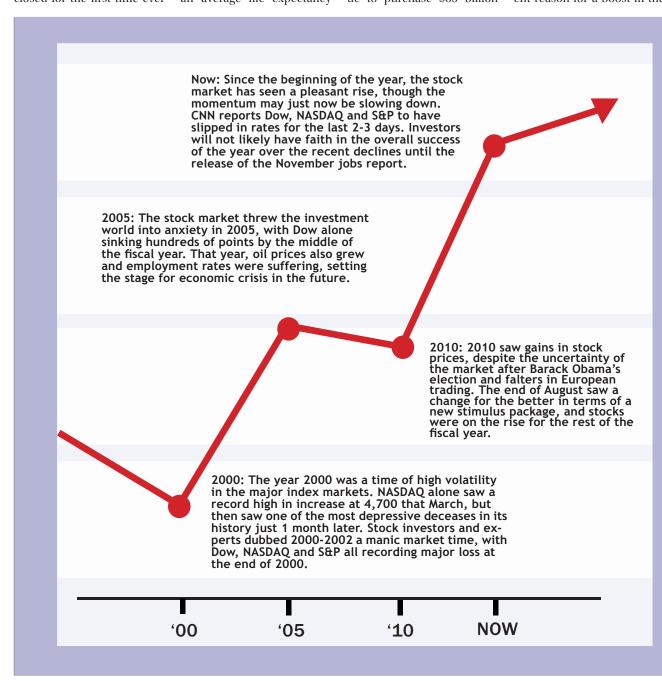
Another reason the stock market is climbing is a general restoration of faith in the economy. As the business cycle holds true, an expansion always follows a recession. Consumers

expansion always follows a recession. Consumers are spending more money, which boosts businesses in the short-run. One apparent reason for a boost in the stock market is the shift from bonds to stocks as consumers become more confident in the economy.

"Timing the market is difficult and therefore a long term view of the market is preferred," Corbin Goedert, senior in finance, said. "In general, short term prices are irrelevant as long as you are investing in strong businesses that have economic moat."

The health of the stock market should not be a reason to start investing in risky stocks in the short run.

"For long term investors who think of investing in stocks as buying part of a business, the fact that market indices are at all-time highs is largely irrelevant," Scott Hendrix, instructor in finance, said. "Certain businesses like Casey's General Store, MasterCard and Union Pacific - will continue to increase profits each year in the future. Anyone overly concerned with short term stock price levels will have a difficult time investing successfully long term."



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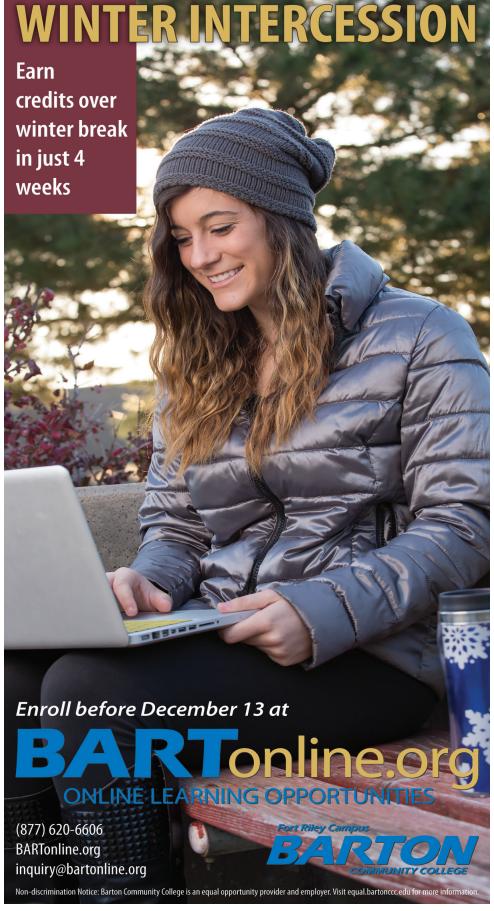
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